

William Gregory Building
404-06 King Street
Alexandria
Virginia

HABS No. VA-690

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Location: 404-06 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia

Present Owner: Demolished in 1968 by the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority as part of an urban renewal project in the old commercial center of Alexandria.

Statement of Significance: Built by a prominent Alexandria merchant, this structure is an abridged version of his building adjoining to the east at 400-02 King Street (see HABS report VA-674).

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: c. 1841

On February 26, 1841 Gregory purchased Presley Jacobs' lot for \$1,600 (Alexandria Deed Book A-3, p. 323.) It is therefore possible that the building at 404-06 King Street, with a facade matching 400-02 King Street, was erected by Gregory some time after 1841.

2. Architect: Unknown

3. Original and subsequent owners: William Gregory was the original owner; subsequent owners unknown.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

See historical section of William Gregory's Building at 400-02 King Street (HABS report VA-674).

C. Bibliography:

See Bibliography for William Gregory's Building at 400-02 King Street (HABS report VA-674).

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

This building is a virtual duplicate of the William Gregory Building adjoining to the east at 400-02 King Street (HABS report VA-674).

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Three stories, two bays
2. Openings: The entranceway, at the left of the first story, is recessed behind a late nineteenth century storefront.
3. Roof: Gable

C. Site:

The building faces north along the south side of King Street.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken in 1968 to document the commercial and residential buildings in downtown Alexandria which were to be demolished in an urban renewal project. The project was undertaken as a joint venture by the Historic Alexandria Foundation and the Historic American Buildings Survey. Mrs. Hugh Cox was the historian and George Eisenman supplied the photographs. The material was edited and updated in 1975 by Antoinette J. Lee, working on contract for HABS.